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Meeting set Oct. 27 at
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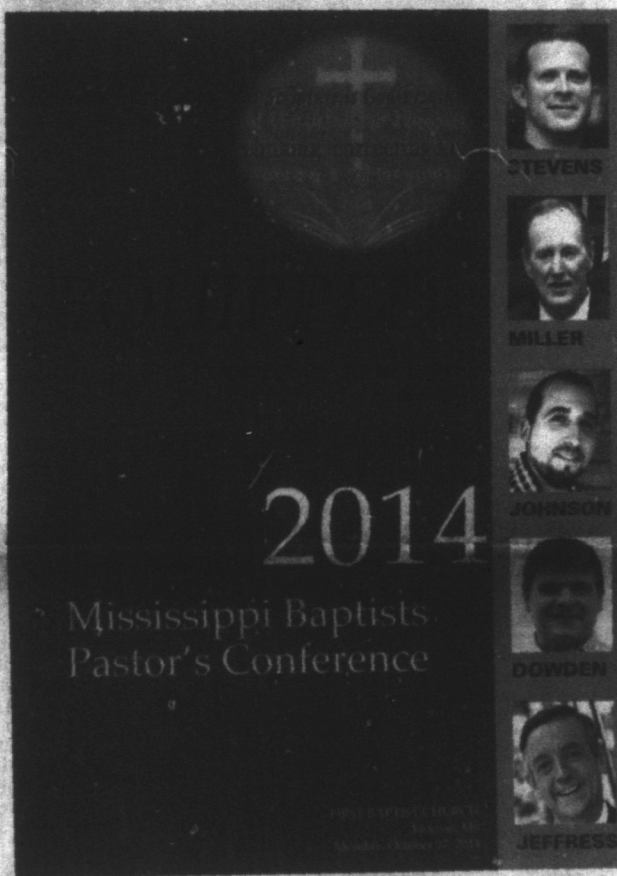
Afternoon Session

- 1:00 p.m. Preliminary Worship
- 1:20 p.m. Welcome - *Kenneth Armstrong*
- 1:25 p.m. Prayer - *Brannon Armstrong*
- 1:30 p.m. Special Music
- 1:35 p.m. Sermon - *Casey Johnson*
- 2:15 p.m. NOBTS Presentation - *Dr. Norris Grubbs*
- 2:20 p.m. Congregational Worship
- 2:30 p.m. NAMB Presentation - *Ben Barfield*
- 2:40 p.m. Prayer - *Dr. Donald Baggett*
- 2:45 p.m. Sermon - *Dr. Robert Jeffress*
- 3:25 p.m. Election of Officers - *Kenneth Armstrong*
- 3:30 p.m. Clubhouse Guatemala Presentation - *Mike Parker*
- 3:40 p.m. Congregational Worship
- 3:45 p.m. Offering and Prayer - *David Hayes*

Evening Session

- 5:45 p.m. Preliminary Worship
- 6:15 p.m. MABTS Presentation - *Dr. Tim Seal*
- 6:20 p.m. Prayer - *Jason Middleton*
- 6:25 p.m. Special Music
- 6:30 p.m. Sermon - *Wade Stevens*
- 7:10 p.m. Congregational Worship
- 7:15 p.m. Conference Theme by 2014 President - *Kenneth Armstrong*
- 7:30 p.m. Congregational Worship
- 7:35 p.m. Offering and Prayer - *Derek Wilson*
- 7:40 p.m. Special Music
- 7:45 p.m. Sermon - *David Miller*
- 8:25 p.m. Presentation of 2015 Officers - *Kevin Jackson*
- Benediction

* Special thanks to Bro. Marty Hurt of Gaston Baptist Church, Booneville for providing the music worship for our conference this year.



Prayer webcast marks year two

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP) — Southern Baptist leaders and missionaries serving throughout the world came together at 10:02 a.m. on Oct. 2 through a webcast to pray for spiritual awakening and to ask God to provide laborers for the vast mission fields of North America and beyond.

Hosted by the North American Mission Board (NAMB), the TenTwo online webcast marked the second year Southern Baptists have set aside Oct. 2 to pray in the spirit of Jesus' words in Luke 10:2: "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Kathy Litton, NAMB's national consultant for ministry wives, prayed for pastors' wives during NAMB's Ten Two prayer webcast.

The prayer time was divided into three parts: spiritual awakening, North

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Supreme Court dodges same sex marriage cases

NASHVILLE (BP and local reports) — On the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court's announcement earlier this week that justices would not be taking up same sex marriage cases during their current term, support for legalizing same sex marriage in America has dropped from 54% to 49% percent since February, according to the latest poll by the Pew Research Center.

The Supreme Court's decision not to hear any same sex marriage cases right now indicates that the minimum number of four justices needed to approve review was not reached, but the court could take up the issue in a future term. It also means that rulings made earlier by federal appeals courts in same sex marriage cases will go into effect immediately.

Since several federal appeals courts have upheld lower court rulings that struck down same sex marriage bans in specific states, those rulings can now be enforced.

Analysts are debating the Pew poll's significance. "It is difficult to put one's finger in the wind and know which way a given issue is going," Owen Strachan, president of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood on Louisville, Ky., told Baptist Press in written comments.

"It is quite clear to people on all sides that America is in upheaval. Our most basic principles are being debated; that which has bound us together as a body politic feels like it is pulling apart," Strachan wrote.

Forty-one percent of Ameri-

cans said they oppose "allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally" in the poll of 2,002 U.S. adults conducted Sept. 2-9. Although the 49% level of support for gay marriage in the poll represents a five-point drop in seven months, Pew said the decrease may not be significant statistically.

"It is too early to know if this modest decline is an anomaly or the beginning of a reversal or leveling off in attitudes toward gay marriage after years of steadily increasing public acceptance," Pew said in a release announcing its findings. "Moreover, when [a] February poll and the current survey are combined, the 2014 yearly average level of support for same sex marriage stands at 52%, roughly

the same as the 2013 yearly average (50%)."

The five-point drop in gay marriage support could signal "a cultural backlash against the advance of the New Sexual Moralism," Strachan speculated.

"We've seen backers brought to heel before the state; we've watched as the leading officials of our government have failed to enforce the rule on the books regarding marriage," said Strachan, who is also assistant professor of Christian theology and church history at Boyce College, the undergraduate school at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

"...All this has taken our breath away. But it seems also

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From the editor

WILLIAM PERKINS

Who knew?

There's an old pop song, the theme of which is expressed repeatedly in the refrain: "Money can't buy me love." Apparently, that's still true among young people today.

While the mass media portray American youth as dope-smoking, hedonistic Spring Breakers downing mass quantities of alcohol and stripping for the latest Girls Gone Wild video, that's apparently not a true picture of a large majority of them.

According to an extensive survey conducted jointly by Associated Press and MTV network — certainly not known as bastions of conservatism and family values — spending time with family was the top answer to the question, "What makes you happy?"

The next highest response to that question was spending time with friends, followed by spending time with a "significant other." Nearly 75% of the young people surveyed also said their relationship with their parents makes them happy.

"They're my foundation," said 17-year-old Queens, N.Y., high schooler Kristiana St. John, of her parents, in an Associated Press article on the survey results. "My mom makes me feel that even if I do something stupid, she's still going to love me no matter what. Just knowing that makes me very happy and blessed."

Wow. Who knew? That's certainly not the message parents are getting from the culture.

Could there be a disconnect between what the Hollywood types are telling us and what is actually the truth?

Money is apparently not that important to young people, either. "[A]lmost no one said 'money' when asked what makes them happy...," the Associated Press article reported.

Well, what about sex? Surely sex makes young people happy, since virtually every television show and movie portray them as ready for sex anytime, anywhere, with anyone.

Not necessarily. The survey indicated that young people between 13-17 years of age find

sex leads to less happiness, while young people 18-24 reported sex might lead to momentary happiness but not in general.

"Overwhelmingly, young people think marriage would make them happy and want to be married some day," the Associated Press article stated. "Most also want to have kids."

Spirituality ranked high among the young people surveyed. More than half said religion and spirituality were either "very important" or "the single most important" aspect of their lives.

There were some troubling aspects of the survey, too. Considerably fewer minority young people reported being happy with their lives, with Hispanic young people more pessimistic about happiness than African-Americans. Forty percent of young people who said they consumed alcohol within the last seven days said they were happy with themselves — but 68% of those who didn't drink described themselves as happy.

Overall, the Associated Press/MTV survey should be encouraging to parents struggling to raise decent, Godly young people in a polluted American society. If the survey proves anything, it proves that many of the people in the movie, television, and music industries — both behind the camera and in front of it — are at best out of touch and at worst, sociopathic.

The survey also implies that young people desire to be happy in life and want to do what is right to achieve that happiness. As Christians, we have received immeasurable joy through our relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That must be our message to young people growing up in such a toxic cultural environment: Their hope to ultimate happiness can only be found in Jesus.

The hour is short and the warfare is brutal, but we have a whole generation to save from the dark forces of hopelessness that surround them. They are looking to us for that hope — and we know where to tell them to find it.

Seeing 'old' as an asset

No one announced it. One day I realized I was the oldest in the room. It happened just like that. My brain didn't reflect my age. I still thought in terms of "What am I going to do with my life?" not "What did I do with my life?"

I was sitting with some women whom I considered my peers when the flurry of questions erupted: When you were younger, how did you deal with this? When your kids were smaller, how did you do that?

It didn't help that one of my friends said, "We're so thankful for you. Since our parents aren't here, it's like you're my kids' fill-in-grandparent." (I don't even have grandchildren and still have a child at home, thank you very much!) So what do you do when you suddenly become the oldest in the room?

■ Own it! Yes, your bag of tricks and life stories are all a mess. No, you don't have it all figured out, but isn't that the point? You've journeyed this far without having it all figured out. Be honest. You've failed and succeeded. Lead them to discern the lies of the enemy in their life-journey and share the hard ways you discovered truth.

■ Ask questions, but don't give away all the answers. Start conversations by asking questions that probe real life. You know what they are because you wrestled with the same issues. Jesus asked questions to reveal the heart, but He let them answer or think about it. In other words, you can lead and influence without being a know-it-all. By asking questions you can lead them to open their heart and discover God without preaching a sermon.

■ Be a safe place to process life. Many people struggle with knowing how to find God in the middle of their circumstances. Creating a safe place to process life fosters an atmosphere of discipleship. It's an invitation to download thoughts, feelings, and ask questions without fear of being judged. Listening is the key ingredient to creating a safe atmosphere.



Guest opinion

with Lori McDaniel

The value of your life experience is incredible. But if wisdom isn't expressed in a way that the next generation can understand it, then the words remain only wisdom to the teacher.

■ Communicate that you want to learn from them. Howard Hendrix said, "Leaders are incurable learners." Not only do generations above us have things to teach us, but also the generations below us. They are full of creative ideas and solutions. They have energy, new direction and a freshness that is contagious.

■ Be a contextualizer. Being in one generation is no reason not to be contextual to the next generation. "Contextual" is a missionary word that simply means learn the culture and speak the language in a way that can be understood and accepted. A sure way not to do this is to pound your fist and tell people how it used to be in the "good ol' days."

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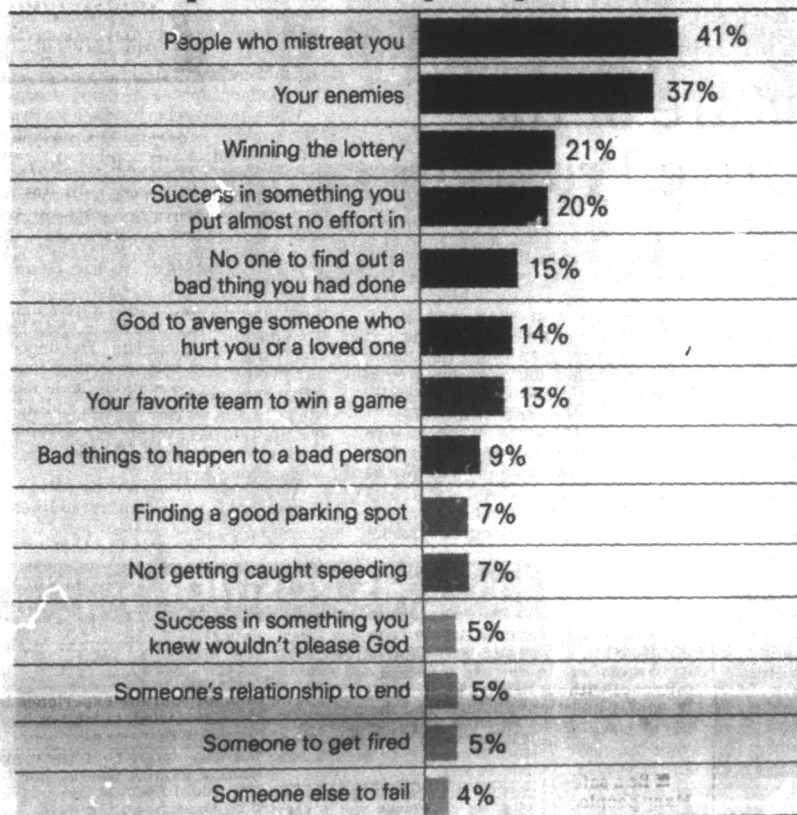
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LifeWay Research survey uncovers prayer habits

Among Americans who pray:

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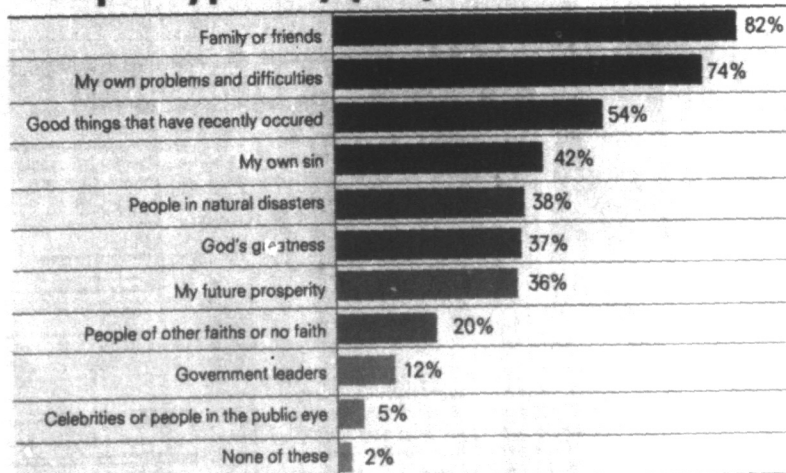
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Among Americans who pray:

People typically pray for ...



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NASHVILLE (BP) — Many Americans pray for divine help, their friends, families, and sometimes their enemies — but few of them offer praises to God or pray for politicians and non-believers, according to a new LifeWay Research survey.

"Most people pray when they need the red phone for help," said Ed Stetzer, executive director of LifeWay Research, a division of LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville. He added that many of them may not have a prayer life "rooted in a relationship with God."

The online survey, conducted Aug. 7, 2014, asked 1,137 Americans about the frequency and content of their prayers. Among the findings:

■ **Most prayers are personal.** When they pray, most Americans (82%) typically focus on their friends and family or their own problems (74%). A little more than half (54%) pray about good things happening in their lives, while more than a third pray for their future prosperity (36%).

■ **Prayer works for almost everybody.** Most Americans who pray (83%) think at least some of their prayers are answered. That includes one in four (25%) who say all their prayers are answered, one in five (21%) who say most of their prayers are answered, and more than one in three (37%) who say some of their prayers are answered.

Few say none of their prayers are answered (three percent). One in seven (14%) "don't know" if prayers are answered.

■ **Most people don't pray for politicians.** Only about 12% of Americans who pray say they pray for government officials, and few (five percent) pray for celebrities. Among other things people have ever prayed for are parking spots (seven percent), other people to be fired (five percent), or to avoid being caught speeding (seven percent).

Sports teams have received a bit more prayer support (13%)

while about one in five (21%) Americans who pray say they have prayed to win the lottery. Fifteen percent have prayed something bad they did will not be discovered.

■ **Americans' prayers are not always biblical.** More than a third of Americans (37%) who pray say they have prayed for their enemies, and four in 10 (41%) have prayed for people who have mistreated them, which the New Testament instructs people to do. More than a third (38%) typically pray for people affected by natural disasters. Only one in five pray for people of other faiths or people of no faith.

■ **Americans are persistent in their prayers.** About half of Americans (48%) say they pray at least every day, while a third (31%) say they pray several times a day. Overall, about two-thirds (65%) of Americans say they pray at least once a month.

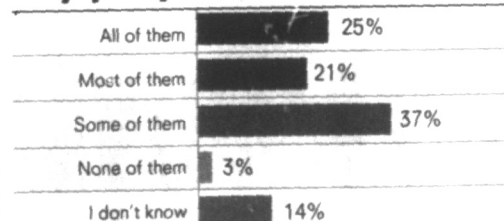
That's a good start, says Max Lucado, author of *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*, published last month from Thomas Nelson. Lucado, who partnered with LifeWay Research on the prayer survey, says the survey shows that prayer still has widespread appeal in American life.

"Prayer is not a privilege just for the pious or an opportunity for a chosen few," he said. "Prayer is God's open invitation to talk: simply, openly and powerfully."

Methodology: The online survey of adult Americans was conducted Aug. 7. A sample of an online panel representing the adult population of the United States was invited to participate. Responses were weighted by region, age, ethnicity, gender, religion, and income to more accurately reflect the population. The completed sample is 1,137 online surveys. The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from this panel does not exceed plus 2.9%. Margins of error are higher in sub-groups.

Among Americans who pray:

My prayers are answered



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In the latter part of September of 2014, there was an incredible rescue event that was caught on video out in Utah. An SUV with four teenagers aboard crashed into a barrier and went into a fast flowing creek that had risen because of flash floods. The major problem was that the SUV was upside down. In just a matter of seconds the lives of four teenagers were turned upside down and in jeopardy. A man nearby seeing the wreck and recognizing that somebody was in peril, threw caution to the wind and jumped in the water to try and help rescue whoever was inside. The man had virtually no thought or consideration for his own well-being and was facing an impossible task, especially when you consider he was even thinking about turning the vehicle over. That's impossible. Slogging through the water and getting up to the car, he lost his glasses without which he could not see clearly. When he arrived at the car and started doing what he could to bring help to the panicked kids inside, but soon, and I mean within seconds, two others and then two others and then another jumped in the water trying to get to the car to help.

You could imagine, with the water rushing by and the car upside down and people gathering and yelling, it was hard to know what to do or who to listen to, but the first guy in, by his own description, was screaming at people and telling them what to do, for he was convinced that they could turn the car upright. Another person and two more came until



With Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

A Picture of the Cooperative Program

there were twelve or thirteen gathered around this car, and with one man's helping give direction and encouraging everybody else, they began to pick up and push as hard as they could, and the car began to turn. They continued to strain, and within seconds the car was still in the creek but right-side up. It did not take long until people were calling it a miracle, and indeed, it had the markings of miraculous things. It was a miracle of courage and willingness to help, with co-operation and sacrifice in order to rescue people, get them out, and get them help. Several days later on the news I saw the video that someone was taking from the

bank, and I saw the man interviewed who jumped in to make a difference. As I watched the clip on the news I realized that, in a sense, I was watching the Cooperative Program in action every day.

The Cooperative Program is the dynamic, structured vehicle that allows every individual and every church to take hold of a worldwide rescue program in the name of Jesus and make a difference around this world. What one man, or even one church, cannot accomplish alone, as sincere as we might be, and as passionate as we may be, it is impossible to do alone what thousands doing their part in joining together can do in letting

this world know that Jesus Christ has come "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). I have heard people refer to the Cooperative Program as a dinosaur that does not have a place in today's world or an ancient relic of mission service that is ineffective today. My only response would be to show me a Christian missionary movement that is as large, as far-reaching, as sustainable, as effective as what God has brought about through the thousands of Southern Baptist churches across the land who say we will help to rescue people and families all across this planet. Together we can get it done and together we are doing it today.

When Jesus said to his disciples that they would be witnesses unto him both in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth, the question becomes how you can you be everywhere, all the time, reaching everybody. There may be other answers to this huge question, but I do not believe there is any answer that is in place, impacting as many lives in as many places as the mission work supported by the Cooperative Program. There are needs out there everywhere. There are lives and cars turned upside down and one-by-one, together, empowered by a passion to do the work of Jesus, we can turn things right-side up. God bless you as you faithfully give and lovingly respond as Jesus leads you and your church.

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Just for the Record



The Lydian Sunday School class and the Ralph Graves' Sunday School class of **FIRST CHURCH, SOSO**, recently honored seven of their class members with a surprise celebration of their 90th birthdays. Shown are honorees (left to right) seated: Beanie Windham, Lucille Knight, Myrtle Jefferson, Grace Miller, (standing) Ophelia Ingram, Hazel Shows, Phyllis Elzey, Virgie Lee Jefferson, and Jim Taylor, pastor.

On September 28, **RICHBURG CHURCH, HATTIESBURG**, celebrated 100 years of ministry. Pictured from left is: Stevie Deweese, former Minister of Music & Youth, Gene Walley, former Pastor (late 1940's), pastor Paul Roney, and Danny Henderson, Lamar Association AMD. Henderson presented the church with a certificate of honor from the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission.



The Mississippi Baptist Singing Churchwomen presented a concert at **FIRST CHURCH, STARKVILLE**. The group is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is made up of women serving in various musical capacities in churches all over the state. For information, contact the Church Music Department of the MBCB.

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October 27, 2014

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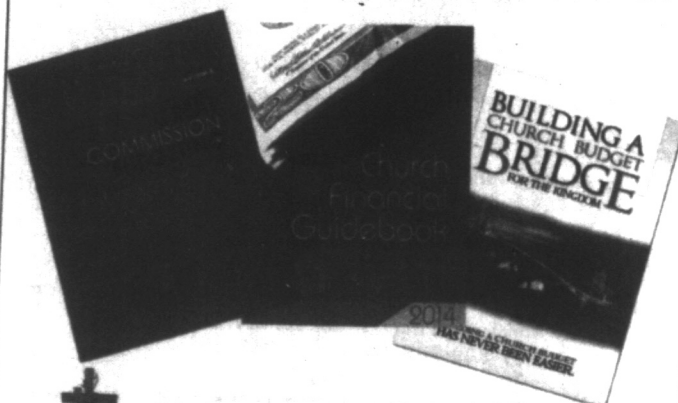


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October 10 - 23, 2014

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Pray for: **David & Laurie Bledsoe**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Kaye Brooks**, missionary ministering to American Peoples through church planting.

Pray for: **John & Claudia Brown**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Donna & Donald Brown**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through church/home outreach & church planting.

Pray for: **Karen Brown**, missionary ministering to American Peoples through church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Matthew Burks**, missionary ministering to European Peoples through evangelism.

Pray for: **Richard & Martha Beal**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through financial administration & church/home outreach evangelism.

Pray for: **David & Pamela Carlton**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through theological education, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Rebekah Clark**, missionary ministering to European Peoples through youth evangelism.

Pray for: **Richard & Wanda Clark**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through strategy coordination.

Pray for: **Guy & Cindy DeMars**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through hospitality coordination & church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Thomas & Kerri Dewett**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Alvin & Mary Doyle**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through member care.

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1. Lord, I admit that I need you.
(I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins
and freedom from eternal
death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose
from the grave to forgive my sins
and to restore my relationship
with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ
into my life. From this time on,
I want to live in a loving
relationship with Him.
(I receive Christ as
my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave
the right to become children of God, even to
those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)
If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a
local Southern Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

First Person: Remember a valuable ministry team member

By Diana Davis
Correspondent

As your church honors your
pastor during Pastor Appreciation Month in October,
why not add an extra touch?
Demonstrate your love for the
pastor's wife.

Yes, many ministry wives
may prefer not to be called
onstage and pinned with a
corsage, so I've gathered a
few simple, low-key ways that
your church, class, or even an
individual can show love.
Try one!

■ **Love Notes Flash Mob.** Distribute a card to all
women of the church with
a challenge to overwhelm
your church's "First Lady"
with notes of appreciation,
prayers, and compliments.
Provide contact info for your
pastor's wife so the women of
the church can send a note by
mail, e-mail, text, Facebook,
or personal delivery.

■ **Here's Proof!** Make
a sign with big letters: "We
love our pastor's wife!" Take
lots of photos of people hold-
ing the sign (individuals,
couples, groups, kids, teens,
peripheral members, leaders,
guests). Encourage smiles
and fun poses, and care-
fully list names to label the
photos. Create an impressive
photo display.

■ **Unforgettable Bou-
quet.** Each woman is asked
to bring a single flower from



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her garden
or florist.
Bring extras
for those
who forget.
The deacon
chairman's
wife pres-
ents the
minister's
wife with a
lovely vase,
then one by one, all morning
on Sunday, every lady adds
her flower to create a lovely,
personalized bouquet.

■ **Autographed Gift.**
Purchase a very nice study
Bible, and ask all the women
in your class or church to sign
the front with a five-word
note. Wrap it beautifully.

■ **Sticky Heart.** A foyer
sign reads, "Faith Baptist ap-
preciates our pastor's wife!" A
gigantic heart outline covers
the wall. Purchase 3x3-inch
sticky note pads, and enlist
a group such as the choir to
write love notes ahead of time
to get the wall started. Give
a sticky note and marker to
each person as they arrive at
church, inviting them to add

"Her church involvement may be upfront or
behind the scenes, but you can be sure that
your pastor's ministry is impacted daily by his
wife's partnership. As you demonstrate love to
your pastor's wife — and other ministry wives
on your church staff — you'll honor God and
thrill your pastor."

notes of love and appreciation
to the wall.

■ **Get Personal.** What
does your pastor's wife love?
Whatever it is, give it gush-
ingly! For example, if she's an
avid golfer, everyone brings a
golf ball, signed in permanent
marker with a love note, and
adds it to a big basket. Does
she love tea, purple things,
chocolate? If her favorite min-
istry is to preschoolers, con-
sider bringing quality toys for
that classroom in her honor.

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WEBCAST

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American missions and international missions.

Southern Baptist Convention President Ronnie Floyd, pastor of Cross Church in Springdale, Ar., began the prayer webcast by urging Southern Baptists to pray for a spiritual awakening in North America.

"This is a critical season, a unique moment in time; therefore we must wake up spiritually and give ourselves to the Lord completely because the Lord is coming soon," Floyd said. "This is why we are praying together now, from all over the world. Join me as we pray for spiritual awakening."

Floyd was followed by Jim Daly, president of Focus on the Family, who prayed for Southern Baptist pastors. Kathy Litton, NAMB's national consultant for ministry wives, prayed for pastors' wives.

Before his prayer for pastors, Daly told viewers of a new partnership between NAMB and Focus on the Family that allows Southern Baptist pastors to take advantage of a care line by calling (844) PASTORI.

Bob White, executive director of the Georgia Baptist Convention, prayed for state conventions. White asked God to develop "a culture of missionary support" throughout the convention.

Gary Frost, NAMB's vice president for the Midwest Region, led Southern Baptists in praying for North America's cities.

"Father, in the cities of North America are hurting people," Frost prayed. "I pray in the name of Jesus that You would raise up in the midst of these cities those who would have a burden for the lost."

Newly elected International Mission Board President David Platt led in prayer for a renewed push to reach the nations with the Gospel. Platt focused the prayers of Southern Baptists upon the "harvest known as the seven-plus billion people among the nations, many of them have never even heard the Gospel," along with praying for global spiritual awakening.

"We pray that You would draw the peoples to yourself in a way that resonates to Your glory, particularly among those who are the toughest to reach, the most dangerous to reach," Platt prayed.

"We are so grateful, so thankful," Ezell told the viewers before his concluding prayer. "Our convention is so diverse, but we can rally around prayer and the need for spiritual awakening and the need to reach people with the Gospel around the world."

Ezell said the webcast will remain available online as a prayer resource for groups or individuals who wish to make use of it. It can be found at namb.net/tenttwo.

Revivals & Homecomings

► **Mt. Carmel Church, Edinburg:** Homecoming, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m. Randolph Scott, speaker.

► **Immanuel Church, Greenwood:** Annual Day (homecoming), Oct. 12; business meeting, 10:30 a.m., followed by service and potluck dinner.

► **Perkinson Church, Perkinson:** Homecoming, Oct. 12; cemetery prayer service, 9 a.m.; refreshments, 9:30 a.m.; service, 10 a.m., followed by dinner on the ground; Jerry Estes, speaker; special music and presentations; Charley Rempel, pastor.

► **McAdams Church, Attala:** Homecoming, Oct. 12; service, 11 a.m.; Doug Hogg, speaker.

► **Southside Church, Vicksburg:** Revival, Oct. 12 - 17; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Fri., 7 p.m.; Harvey Reeves, speaker.

► **Crossroads Church, Patah:** Homecoming, Oct. 12; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by lunch; Jim Windham, speaker; Maryann Windham, music.

► **Mt. Pisgah Church, Enid:** Homecoming, Oct. 12; musical guests Magnolia Gospel and Kimberly Boone, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by fellowship dinner; Larry Badon, speaker.

► **Trinity Church, West Point:** Revival, Oct. 12 - 15; Sun., 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Albert Wilkerson, speaker; Mac Pace, music.

► **Sulphur Springs Church, Conehatta:** 175th anniversary homecoming, Oct. 12; service, 10:30 a.m., followed by meal; Randall Creel, speaker; Mickey Fugitt, music; David Rives, pastor.

► **Harrisville Church, Har-**

risville: Homecoming, Oct. 12; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; Cecil Hathorn, speaker; Cassie Hathorn Howell, music.

► **Siloam Church, West Point:** Homecoming, Oct. 12; service, 10:45 a.m., followed by potluck meal; Walter Simmons, speaker; William Tiffin, music.

► **New El Bethel Church, Lafayette County:** 100th anniversary, Oct. 12; service, 10 a.m., followed by meal; Johnny Stewart, speaker.

► **Midway Church, Newton:** Homecoming, Oct. 12; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by fellowship meal and afternoon service; Scott Vaughn, speaker; Ryan Reed, pastor.

► **Clear Branch Church, Florence:** 117th homecoming, Oct. 12; service, 10:45 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Ricky Gray, speaker; Jonathan Sherwin, pastor.

► **Temple Church, Myrtle:** Harvest Day and revival, Oct. 12 - 15; Sun., service, 10 a.m., followed by meal; Daniel Thompson, speaker; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Tommy Vinson, speaker; Ben Daniel, music; Donnie Schuman, pastor.

► **Spring Hill Church, Watertford:** Homecoming, Oct. 12; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by potluck lunch and afternoon singing; Lee Powell, speaker; Thomas family, music; John Parker, pastor.

► **New Zion Church, Braxton:** Revival, Oct. 12 - 15; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., followed by fellowship; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Gerald Simmons, music and speaker.

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Clue: I = N

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Isaiah Forty: Eight

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Don't Walk Away • Hebrews 6:1-8

Today's passage is about the danger of turning from the faith either by apathy, persecution, false teaching or a combination. Notice how our passage ends in Hebrews 6:8, "But if it (land) bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned." Obviously in Hebrews the writer is referring to the soil/land, while Christ refers to a tree (Matt 7:15-20), but the point is the same, whatever it is that bears bad fruit, the tree or the soil, it is clearly not of God, as those that are in God through Christ bear good fruit. What is the fruit? Consistent development of Christlike character and faithfulness to the truth of the Word of God regardless of consequence, something the audience of Hebrews was in danger of losing. The author admonishes this flock in two ways: first, he exhorts them to grow in faith, leaving elemental doctrine, pushing forward to solid food, and second, to help them avoid the horrid state of apostasy.

Grow in Faith (Heb. 6:1-3) - Here the writer of Hebrews expands on the idea of the preceding contrast of "milk and solid food," (5:11-14) as he pleads with them to join together with one another and move on to Christian maturity (solid food). "Let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ..." It is difficult to hear the writer of

Hebrews refer to the "doctrine of Christ" as an elementary doctrine, but what he means is the initial saving knowledge of Christ incarnate, crucified and resurrected which leads to Spirit wrought conviction of sin, faith and being born again. These doctrines are "elementary, basic, foundational and an entry-level" understanding of Christianity. Everyone who professes Christ should have come to repentance of their sins from dead

(world driven) works... washings (baptism/ blood of Christ)... laying on of hands (prayer, ordination, healing)... resurrection

of dead and eternal judgment. These doctrines should be as systematic in the minds of new believers as interest rates are to a financial planner.

3 "And this we will do if God permits." The writer reminds them, that while he is the one admonishing them to grow in faith, God is the one that ultimately controls it (1 Cor 3) as God is one with Christ and the Spirit.



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Lest You Walk Away (Heb. 6:4-8) - "Here the writer pointed out the consequences of not pressing on to maturity to motivate his readers to pursue spiritual growth diligently (cf. 2 Pet. 1:5; 3:8)." (Hebrews, Constable, 57) The ultimate consequence would be apostasy, a permanent turning from salvation through faith in Christ to something else which is no gospel at all (Gal 1:7).

Judging by all normal biblical indicators, the recipients of this letter were believers, but there were eminent

temptations facing them that caused the author to fear they may leave the faith. One they left the faith, it was very doubtful that God would restore them because they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. Hughes comments, "The soil enjoys the benefit of rain frequently showered upon it for its enrichment and

fertility, so that it in turn may by its fruitfulness be of benefit to others. In fulfilling this function it is blessed of God. Spiritual productiveness is a manifestation of the operation of divine grace; for it is God who sends the rain of his mercy on the soil of human lives, and who also as the husbandman tends his vineyard (Jn 15:1) and gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:6f.). But if instead of the benefaction of seasonable fruits the soil produces thorns and thistles, then a curse is upon it and its worthless harvest awaits the judgement of destruction by fire. So, too the man who has been brought within the sphere of the blessings of the gospel so graciously showered on mankind by Almighty God and has publicly professed faith in Christ crucified and associated himself with the company of the redeemed, and whose life then produces the baneful crop of "thorns and thistles," that is, hostility to the Son of God and conduct incompatible with his profession, invites not the blessing but the curse of God upon himself, and his end is the fire of judgment." (Hebrews, Hughes, 222-3)

Don't walk away! Don't be led astray! Grow in faith! Endure hardship!

Hazzard is pastor of Woodland Church, Columbus.

Connected Through Prayer • Ephesians 6:18-22

The blue dry-erase marker sits ready to be used by those wishing to write on the board. One side has the heading, "requests", and the other, "praises". Members of the Sunday School class arrive early to jot down items of concern and thankfulness. Cheryl, the teacher, photographs the lists with her cell phone after class and e-mails the info to members, providing a reminder for use during the week. If members update Cheryl on changes, she sends an e-mail with the new details.

These past several weeks, we've studied lessons on the "Connected" theme, learning various ways to be connected with our fellow believers. This series culminates with such a vital link: our connection through prayer. Cheryl and her fellow class members enjoy a special bond as their lives intertwine by supporting each other through the ministry of intercession.

Paul closes his letter by reminding readers that they were in a war. The battle rages yet today. In such spiritual confrontations, the enemy is unseen, but he is oh, so real. His goal: "to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10 NIV). Ephesians 6:10-17 depicts the armor required to face this formidable foe. Verse 18 points out a final - yet vital - way to arm ourselves. We're to "pray in the Spirit". By being sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit, we can learn

to be a tentative to times when He summons us to pray. Remember, He "searches out and shows us all God's deepest secrets" (1 Corinthians 2:10 LB).

These prayers are to take on an "all" quality: "on all occasions", "all kinds of prayers", and for "all the saints". The verse calls for us to "be alert", ever watchful for situations that call for intercession. Sounds like a lot more than just a half-hearted, "Lord, bless our church," doesn't it?

The apostle realized his own desper-

ate need of prayer. Verse 19 finds him entreating his fellow soldiers-in-the-faith to provide this undergirding. As he went

about proclaiming the gospel of grace, he wanted to have the appropriate message, and to proclaim it with clarity and courage. Leaders in your church and denomination need the Spirit-filled pleadings of dedicated prayer warriors. And since all Christ-followers are called to be His ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20),

we all should support each other with our prayers.

Sometimes, we don't really know how to pray for others. Although we desire to pray earnestly and effectively, we may not be in close contact with them. That's where a Tychicus (vs. 22) can be of great benefit. This man, a "dear brother and faithful servant" (vs. 21 NIV), was sent by Paul to carry a message to this church near and dear to Paul's heart. He wanted them to know not only how his work was proceeding, but

about how He himself was getting along. We can pray for church leaders better when we know about their circum-

stances. And seeing how Tychicus gave both ministry and personal updates, we could emulate this with those for whom we pray. They are workers in God's kingdom, yes, but they're also human beings with the same frailties and frustrations that beset us all. We'd do well to remember that when we pray.

For those serious about becoming a more effective intercessor, here are three ways to enrich your prayer time to strengthen your church family: Pray for the salvation of at least one person who is outside the body of Christ (better yet, engage in triplet praying by covenanting with two friends to pray for nine unsaved friends or family members; three for each of you). Take five minutes daily to pray for your church leaders and teachers (ask them for current requests). Learn about the needs and work of a missionary - perhaps someone related to your church - and intercede for his or her family.

Finally, to prevent your prayers from being hindered, examine your life regularly and keep it pure. "The Lord will not hear me if I hold on to sin in my heart," Psalm 66:18 (NIV) says. The faithful believer, however, can present his requests with confidence: "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16b NIV).

In "Hope for Each Day", Billy Graham reflects: "From one end of the Bible to the other, there is a record of those whose prayers were answered - men and women who turned the tide of history by prayer; who fervently prayed, and God answered." Our Father invites each of us to be such.

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Bible Studies for Life with Ann Maniscalco



Wake Forest, N.C., argues in his latest book that polls showing strong support for homosexual marriage in America are likely inaccurate.

"Polls are not giving a true measure of how people think or will vote on the issue," Heimbach writes in *Why Not Same-Sex Marriage*. "In truth, people rarely tell pollsters what they think or will do at the ballot box, especially when pressed to re-

veal convictions they think will be criticized.

"Americans are not yet as closely divided on same sex marriage as some recent polling suggests. A more reliable and useful measure of where Americans stand these days can be seen in the fact that nearly every time the issue has been put to a popular vote, it has been soundly rejected - usually by 2-to-1 margins," Heimbach writes.

Whether the Pew poll is accurate or not, Strachan urged Christians to maintain an eternal perspective on cultural issues. "We're reminded by all this that our trust is not in America. Now or in the future, America will fade away. We pray that this country practices principled pluralism and allows freedom to flourish as it has in past days, unleashing the American church to preach

the Gospel and do good all over the globe.

"Come what may, though, the hope of Christians is the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. This is one arc, one data point that will not rise and fall. It is continually rising, and continually releasing sinners just like us from the bondage of death into the obedience of faith," Strachan said.

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to be showing others that something deep and terrible is happening in America. These friends may well be waking up to the danger of a more authoritarian, more centralized state," he said.

Daniel Heimbach, senior professor of Christian ethics at Southeastern Seminary in

College News



Garry Breland, vice president for academic affairs at **WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY**, is pictured with the Best Value School trophy from University Research & Review. WCU was selected to receive the award from among 8,000 postsecondary schools in a process that considers cost, accreditation, quality of school programs and student satisfaction with the institution. Carey is one of only two Mississippi institutions selected for this honor.

In other College News:

► Wayne Burkes is the recipient of **Mississippi College's** Order of the Golden Arrow Award. A 1955 MC graduate, Burkes will be recognized for his service as Mississippi's Central District transportation commissioner, his work as state senator and as a leader with the Mississippi Air National Guard. Burkes retired in 1989 as a major general after more than 38 years of service. The Neshoba County native served as pastor of Bolton Church for 24 years. He was a member of the faculty and staff at Hinds Community College. Burkes served in the Mississippi House from 1976 until 1980 and in the state Senate from 1980 until 1989. Among other duties, he was a member of the U.S. Surface Transportation Board from 1999 until 2003.



► Steve Knight, athletic director and head men's basketball coach at **William Carey University**, is one of six selected for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015. Knight is Mississippi's all-time winningest basketball coach at the same four-year institution with 590 wins. Knight is joined in the Class of 2015 by NFL superstar Brett Favre; NBA standout Clarence Weatherspoon; two-time All-SEC running back Mike Dennis; Mississippi College and Saints champion Fred McAfee; and pioneer of Mississippi women's sports Gwen White. The induction ceremony for the 2015 class will be held on August 1, 2015.

Just for the Record



(Top) The **MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL/GILFOY SCHOOL OF NURSING** recently celebrated their 2014 Biennial Reunion at Roosevelt State Park. Thirty-five graduates, representing 22 years, attended. The School of Nursing was active from 1911-1971. Leona Cowart, graduate of 1948, was honored as the oldest living graduate and a recent contributor to the Scholarship Fund.



(Bottom) **FAIR RIVER CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN**, held a children's ministry fishing derby this summer. Shown are some of the participants. Jay Anderson, pastor.

In other Church News:

► The **Southwestern Seminary** alumni meeting will be Oct. 28, noon, at the First Church, Jackson, Family Life Center. Tickets can be purchased from Archie Herpin or Paul Blanchard. For information, email amd@winstonbaptist.org.

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